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LOCAL NEWS.

—Fine growing weather.

—Deputy Collector Carter, of Asheville, was in town Sunday.

—Mr. W. C. Coffey has returned from a business (?) trip across the ridge.

—Some very fine mountain trout have been caught by our town boys of late.

—You can get a good pair of wool cards very cheap at W. F. Sherwood & Co.

—Calvin Shell and family have moved to the old Methodist parsonage.

—The farmers are now busily engaged in planting corn, and a large crop is being put out.

—Capt. Coffey has planted 25 bushels of Irish potatoes. Pretty good crop for Watauga.

—The fruit crop in Watauga promises to be heavy; that is, if we have no more freezes.

—Remember that when you want a shirt, collar, scarf or ties, you can find them nice at W. F. Sherwood & Co.

—Dr. Wilbar and family left town yesterday for Elk Park, where they will make their future home.

—Mrs. Crowder and daughter, Mollie, who have been living in Boone for some time, have moved to Elk Park.

—Mrs. Maggie F. Boyden, of our village, is with her sister, Mrs. J. P. Taylor, at Blowing Rock.

—The colored people are making an earnest effort to complete their church here, and we wish them success.

—Miss Maggie and Master Stuart Coffey, are on a visit to Mountain City, Tenn. They will attend the closing exercises of Capt. Faucett's school.

—Mrs. L. L. Greene, with little daughter, and Mrs. Horton, her mother, returned to her home in Boone on Monday of this week. The Judge and Miss Bina are expected soon.

—Notice! All persons indebted to us either by note or check, will please come forward and make immediate payment as we are obliged to have our pay. W. F. Sherwood & Co.

—On Friday, June 11th, there will be a Demorest Medal contest, a public debate on temperance and a picnic combined, at Elk Knob Academy. The public generally is invited to attend.

—Miss Emily Houpe, of Dunlap, N. C., stopped at the Clarke House last night on her way to Mast, Watauga county, where she will engage in teaching, says the Lenoir Visitor.

—We are sorry to learn that the aged wife of our old

friend, David Adams, of Brushy Fork, had the misfortune to receive a most painful fall a few days since. She has suffered much, but is now thought to be some better. Her speedy recovery is much hoped for.

—We learn that Luther Farthing will assist Prof. Jones the next term of school at Sutherland Seminary. Mr. Farthing is quite an efficient teacher, and Prof. Jones is fortunate in procuring his services.

—Let us again ask what we are going to do about enclosing the grave yard this spring? The lumber and posts are nearly all delivered, and have been for some time, but no move is being made to put it up. Let us attend to this at once.

—On Saturday and Sunday the colored Quarterly Meeting was in session here presided over by Elder Robert Smith, (col) of Hickory. The Elder is a man highly respected by all, and seems to be a conscientious worker for the betterment of his race.

—On Tuesday morning the Linville mail boy left the post-office here and started on his trip. When one mile from town, without a moment's warning, the horse he was riding dropped dead under him. The horse was the property of F. M. Hodges, the mail contractor.

—Our fellow citizen, Mr. J. A. Edmisten, of Blowing Rock, has again shown his progressiveness by securing the agency for Putnam Fadeless Dyes. This dye not only colors more goods than any other, but each package will color any and all kinds of clothes. Price 10c.

—Capt. T. J. Coffey has gone to Patterson, where he casts the vote of the Watauga stockholders, in the election of officers for the Caldwell and Watauga Turnpike Co. for the ensuing year. The vote was cast yesterday, but we have not yet heard the result.

—Ester McGuire, who was sentenced to the penitentiary at fall term of Watauga Superior Court, for the killing of Claud Phillips, has been pardoned by Governor Russell. A petition bearing the names of several hundred citizens, and the entire jury who tried McGuire, was taken to the Governor by J. C. Ray last week and his pardon was granted. When the pardons under this administration will stop is yet to be found out.

Poor Blood

When a horse is poor in flesh, a new harness won't give him strength. If a house is cold new furniture won't warm it. If your strength is easily exhausted; work a burden; nerves weak; digestion poor; muscles soft; if you are pale and worn out, the trouble is with the blood. It is not so much IMPURE blood as POOR blood. Pills won't make this blood rich; nor will bitters, nor iron tonics, any more than a new harness will give strength to the horse, or new furniture will make a house warm. For poor blood you want something that will make rich blood. SCOTT'S EMULSION of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites is the best remedy in the world for enriching the blood.

We have prepared a book telling you more about the subject. Sent Free. For sale by all druggists at 50c. & \$1.00. SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

—Died at his home on Pine Run, on last Saturday, Mr. Thos. D. Cook, and was buried Sunday. He was a most excellent man, and lived to the ripe age of 75 years. No doubt further notice of his life and death will be furnished us.

—Monday June 14th, will be a day of much interest to the good people of Meat Camp township. On that day will be held the Local Option election, which will decide whether or not the liquor traffic shall be continued in that township. We have been informed by a number of good men from that section that Local Option will carry without any trouble, and that in the near future liquor dealers will have to hunt another field for their vocation.

—On last Saturday Mr. Lawrence Coffey, of John's River, was given the contract to erect a telephone line from Boone to Blowing Rock, and he proposes to have it in operation by June 1st. At the same time he took the contract to put up a line from Blowing Rock to Globe, which will give direct communication with Lenoir and other points. A line is being completed to Trade, Tenn., and in all probability it will be extended to Boone in the near future.

Judge Hoke Better.

Judge W. A. Hoke, whose health broke while he was holding a recent term of Burke superior court and who has been off duty for nearly two months in consequence, has about recovered and will open a special term of Caldwell Court the last Monday in this month. Judge Adams is now holding court for him beyond the mountains. Judge Hoke has been at Morganton during nearly all of his sickness, and has been attended by his sister Miss Sallie Hoke. It will be a pleasure to the just and able judge, whose popularity is universal, to know that he is himself again.—Charlotte Observer.

Catarrh in the Head

is a dangerous disease. It may lead directly to consumption. Catarrh is caused by impure blood, and the true way to cure it is by purifying the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures catarrh because it removes the cause of it by purifying the blood. Thousands testify that they have been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists. 25c.

Some few of our farmers speak of planting corn on the right time of the moon. When you ask them what the moon has to do with it, they answer that old people say that corn planted on certain times of the moon will grow higher, etc. Some of our near kins people believe in the influence of the moon on vegetation and in signs of the zodiac, as implicitly as they believe in their religion. Now we do not claim to be smarter than our forefathers, many of whom believed in not only the 12 signs of the zodiac, but also in witch craft, we claim to have gotten out of these old traditions of the fathers on these lines. Before the 19th century closes all men and women and especially children should be relieved from superstition in all its phases and forms. Don't teach your children such things.

The truck and berry farmers of the Eastern part of our State are reaping a rich harvest off of their products. Some report a profit of \$300 per acre.

Was Very Nervous

Had Smothering Spells and Could Not Sleep—Doctors Called It Neuralgia and Indigestion.

"I had pains in my head, neck and shoulders and all through my body but they were most severe in my left side. The doctor called it neuralgia and indigestion. I was confined to my bed for eight months. I was very nervous, had smothering spells and could not sleep. I read of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla and of a case similar to mine. My husband procured a bottle, and I began taking it. After taking one bottle I felt better, was able to rest and my appetite improved. I continued until my nervousness was cured and I was much better in every way. My husband has also been benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla." MARY S. SROX, Spinville, Virginia.

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O—O

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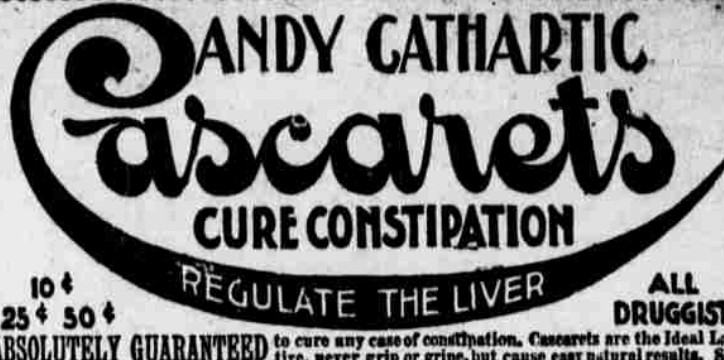
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M. B. BLACKBURN.

April 21.

THE FARMERS MUTUAL Fire, Wind and Lightning Association.

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HE'S HAPPY, YOU BET.

From the Greensboro Record.

About the happiest man in attendance upon the closing hours of the Legislature was Jesse F. Hoskins. He has been working to get passed a bill exempting the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co. from taxation. He thought it was secure and left last week, but had to return to look after it. However it is now a law and Jesse comes in under the wire in fine shape. The Legislature places the Farmers Mutual on a level with the other benevolent societies like the Odd Fellows, Masons, etc.

He has a right to feel proud for unquestionably all doubt of the various associations he has with so much hard labor established in the West not being here to stay are eliminated. The excitement over the vote in the Senate Saturday night was but little less than that in the House over the ease bill.

Our countryman has achieved a State reputation for tenacity of purpose determination and success in carrying to a successful termination what he believes to be right. He deserves success and should be congratulated and thanked by all of his farmer friends.

The Duke and the Farmers Mutual.

From the Twin City Daily.

Jesse F. Hoskins passed up the Wilkesboro road this morning spreading the good news among the various branch Associations of the "Farmers Mutual" of the valuable legislation he has secured for them. He says the grand principle of his insurance is now legalized, which is as old as time itself, when the Great Law-Giver said: Bear ye one another's burdens," and "not a wave of trouble now rolls o'er his peaceful breast." Mr. Hoskins manages these Associations with credit to himself and a benefit to the farming class, to which he belongs.

Mr. Hoskins, the General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual, says that the Watauga and Mitchell Branch is now approaching closely the \$300,000 mark, and that this Branch taken all in all, would before mid-summer be the ideal one in the State; that the class of stockholders, as appears by the list, averages up better.—DEMOCRAT.

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